House Resolution No. 2537

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor an exceptional individual who has met her responsibility as a mother and grandmother with special understanding, tremendous patience, and an incredible degree of love; and

Whereas, Eva Harris, a resident of Neosho, Missouri, has enjoyed the distinction of being chosen 2003 May Day Mom, a most impressive accolade presented to her by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, sponsored by the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, the May Day Mom promotion is an annual essay contest open to second and third graders in both the Neosho R-V School District and the Neosho Christian Schools; and

Whereas, Eva Harris was nominated by her grandson, Chase Harris, a third grade student at Benton Elementary School; and

Whereas, Chase Harris wrote the following essay, which was chosen from more than three hundred entries: "My mom is really my grandmother but she is the only Mom I have ever known. She is the best. She works very hard to take care of me. She loves me and makes me feel safe. She even loves my pet turtle almost as much as me. She reads with me and we play games together. She takes me to fun places like Branson when she can. My mom is the best mom there ever was. She is very important to me and I think she should be May Day Mom"; and

Whereas, Eva and Chase were treated to an afternoon of pampering as they were escorted around in a chauffeur-driven limousine and presented with a wonderful assortment of gifts provided by several local merchants:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Eva Harris upon her well-deserved selection as 2003 May Day Mom and in wishing her only the best in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eva Harris, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2537, adopted May 6, 2003.